Water for irrigation in Gujarat

724. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that Gujarat is giving major emphasis on minor irrigation works to augment the availability of water for irrigation to the farmers;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have received the proposal from the State Government of Gujarat under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP); and

(c) if so, the details and status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) No proposal has been received from the State Government of Gujarat for Minor Irrigation Projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) till date.

(c) Does not arise.

Revamping of Water Management

725. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has in a recent report portrayed a very dismal picture of the future of water resources and water management in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to revamp the water management in the country so that India does not face water famine as apprehended in the World Bank report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Mr. John Briscoe of the World Bank has recently prepared a draft Report titled "India's Water Economy: Bracing for a Turbulent Future". The report is based on study conducted by the World Bank on its own. The report in